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Madrid, January 27.

YOu have already had an account, how his Majesty had, upon the representations made to him by several of the Grandees, and other eminent Personages, commanded his Highness *Don Juan* of *Austria* to repair forthwith to Court, to take upon him the administration of Affairs; and that pursuant to these Orders, his Highness was come very near to this place, having with him a Body of an Army of 6000 Foot, and 2000 Horse, for the security of his person, as well as the better attaining those publick ends, aimed at by the Nobility, *viz.* the removal of the Marquis *de Villa Sierra* from Court, whom they accused of great excesses and enormities. The approach of so considerable a Body of men, could not but occasion some disorder here; and the more, for that several of the Nobility had even Listed men here in Town, and had fortified their Houses. In the mean time several of the great Officers, which were near his Majesty, humbly advised him to leave the Palace, and to retire to *Buen Retiro*, and that privately, without the Queens knowledge, because it was believed her Majesty would have done her utmost to hinder it; accordingly the 14 instant about midnight, the King being attended by the Conde *de Telara*, and the Duke *de Medina Celi*, went out of the Palace by a private way and was conducted with three Coaches to the *Retiro*; the next morning the News being spread about Town, that the King was at the *Retiro*, it occasioned a general rejoycing among the people, who flocked thither in multitudes, to salute his Majesty with their acclamations. At the same time the King understanding that the Queen his mother was somewhat disturbed at what had hapned, he sent to visit her, and to desire her to continue in the Palace, most of the Grandees repairing likewise thither to pay their respects to her Majesty. The 18, the Cardinal *d'Arragon* went to meet *Don Juan*, with whom he had several Conferences; and upon his return hither the 21, represented to his Majesty, that his Highness humbly prayed his Majesty would please to cause the Regiment of Guards to march out of Town, most of the Officers being disaffected to him; accordingly that night the necessary orders were given, and the next morning the said Regiment marched out towards *Catalonia*. All this while the Marquis *de Villa Sierra* was with his Lady and Children at the Escurial, seven Leagues from hence, which had since the 17 been in a manner besieged by the Duke *de Medina Silonia*, and *Don Antonio de Toledo*, eldest Son to the Duke *d'Alva* accompanied with 400 Gentlemen; for the Prior refusing to admit them into the Convent, they made it their business to intercept their Provisions, by that means to compel them to a compliance: at last the Prior being necessitated, through want of victuals, caused the doors to be opened, and a Guard being immediately set upon the Marchioness, diligent search was made for the Marquis, who after two dayes, *viz.* on the 21 in the morning, having been discovered by a Servant belonging to the Convent, was taken in a private place, in one of the Monks Cells, and conveyed to the Castle at *Rosas*; the Guard, at his intreaty, was taken off his Lady, and she permitted to come hither. The Goods of the said Marquis were likewise seized, and brought hither, being laden on 16 Wagons, and are valued, that is in Jewels, Plate, ready Money, Houshold-stuff, *&c.* at several Millions: of all which his Highness having had an account, left his Troops the 22 in the evening under the command of the Count *de Monterey*, with direction not to come nearer than eight Leagues of this place; and having travelled all night, arrived here the next morning by six a clock, and entring the *Retiro* a back way, he went immediately to the Kings Bed-side, and after having been with his Majesty about an hour, retired to his own apartment, where the rest of the day was spent in receiving the Visits and Compliments of the Grandees, *&c.* The 25, the Kings pleasure was signified to the Admiral of *Castile*, who is Master of the Horse, to leave *Madrid* in four dayes. Several Officers Civil and Military will be changed. The Marchioness *de Villa Sierra* was commanded to depart 10 Leagues off, and she is gone to *Toledo*; and the Marquis, her husband, is removed to a Castle at *Consuegra*, 18 Leagues from hence. We are told that Orders have been given for the Arresting several Persons of Quality; and thus the storm which threatned us with intestine troubles is past over us, without the least disturbance; but on the contrary, all people are filled with joy and satisfaction, to see his Majesty assisted with the counsels and experience of his Highness.

Copenhagen, Jan. 26. There is very little at present to advise from hence, unless it be of the preparations that are making for the Campagne, and the News we have that Major General *Meerheim*, who is quartered at *Christianstadt*, had been out with a strong Party, and had done the *Suedes* much damage. We have at present a great Thaw.

Ditto. Febr. 3. We have an account of several advantages obtained by our Parties in *Schonen*, but the most considerable is, of Major General *Meerheims* exploit, who went out from *Christianstad*, and is said to have ruined two *Swedish* Regiments. The News we had of the Enemies attacking *Landscroon*, was without any ground; and we are now told, that part of the *Swedish* Army is retired into Winter-quarters, and that the King himself is gone to *Gottenburg*, to be present at the Assembly of the States of the Kingdom. The Heer *Tromp* will certainly part hence some time the next Week for *Holland*.

Hamburgh, Febr. 5. The Elector of *Brandenburgh*, as our Letters from *Berlin* tell us, is not yet so perfectly well as to be able to appoint the day, on which he will begin his journey to *Wesel*, which cannot now be deferred much longer, seeing the season for the Campagne comes on so fast, which his Electoral Highness means on his part to begin very early; and we have Letters from *Nurenburg* which say, that the *Brandenburgh* Troops which were quartered at *Erfurt* and those parts, had received Orders to march, in order to their being the 29 instant at the Rendezvous at *Maegdeburg*.

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